Ocala Bred Horse Wins A Royal Ascot Race in England

Kris and Lorenzo Del Giudice breed three or four thoroughbred mares every year. Sometimes they do well; other times, not so much. For almost 40 years the couple hovered near the periphery of the thoroughbred industry.

But on June 21 that changed. A filly born and raised on their small farm in Marion County beat a group of colts at the most prestigious racing meet in England. Since that day, some of the top players in the business have been burning up their phone asking about the filly’s mother, Yankee Victoria, which they still own.

“We’ve had a couple of offers for pretty decent money,” Lorenzo said. They are still considering their options and basking in the glow of Shang Shang Shang’s win at Royal Ascot. The filly went up against the nine colts in the 5 furlong Norfolk Stakes. The race is among more than two dozen top-tier races held over a week during the royal meeting at Ascot Racecourse under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth II, an avid race fan and breeder.

Shang Shang Shang broke well and took the lead almost immediately. She stayed in front for most of the straightaway race but came under pressure from fellow American horse Pocket Dynamo as they neared the finish. Shang Shang Shang stayed up and won by a nostril in photo finish.

Nine Opportunity Zones in Marion County

The US Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service today announce the final round of Opportunity Zone designations for Florida including 9 in Ocala and Marion County.


The CEP partnered with the City of Ocala and Marion County to recommend qualified census tracts to Governor Scott for inclusion in this new program.

Courtesy of CEP online. Full article posted on June 15, 2018
Leadership Ocala Marion, a program of the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership, celebrates the 28 students who graduated from the nine month leadership program on May 15th.

The 2017-2018 class marks the 31st class to graduate from the LOM program.

Organizers say the program is designed to engage, develop, and inspire growing leaders in the Ocala area. Participants represent a wide variety of industries across Ocala/Marion County, and are accepted into the program following a selective process.

LOM class XXXI was led by Class President Katie Hunnicutt of City of Ocala, and Class Vice President Jay Fratello of FMC Wealth Management. Complete article on CEP website 5/31/2018

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**Favorite Recipes**

**Grilled Steak and Fresh Mozzarella Flatbread**

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- 1lb top sirloin beef center filets, cut 1” thick, tied
- 1 1/2 tsp lemon pepper
- 2 cups packed fresh baby spinach
- 1/4 lb fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 1 1/2 tsp balsamic vinegar
- 4 flatbreads or pita breads

Press lemon pepper evenly onto steaks. Place steaks over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 12 to 16 minutes for medium rare

Meanwhile, combine spinach, and basil in large bowl. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar; toss to coat and set aside.

Remove steak from grill and let stand 5 minutes. Place flatbread on grill, grilled covered, 1 to 3 minutes or until lightly browned, turning once.

Carve steaks into slices. Top flatbread evenly with spinach mixture and steak slices.

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**Live Music in Marion County**

Black Bear Pub 12386 E. State Rd 40 Silver Springs Sunday 6pm

Cardroom and Tiki Bar at Oxford Downs 17996 S US 301 Summerfield. 6p-9p Friday Rock, Country and Oldies

Charlie Horse 2426 E. Silver Springs Blvd Ocala 7p-11p Friday Classic Rock, 7p-11p Saturday Rock. 2p-6p Sunday Blues.

The Corkscrew 16 SW Broadway St. Downtown Ocala. A blue acoustic classic rock Friday night.